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TAGS:EFIS, PFOR

SUBJECT: NEGOTIATION OF NEW TUNA TREATY

1. ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES EITHER FISH FOR TUNA IN EASTERN

TROPICAL PACIFIC OR BORDER WATERS IN WHICH FISHERY FOR TUNA TAKES PLACE. TUNA IS PRESENTLY CONSERVED AND MANAGED BY THE INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION (IATTC), WHICH HAS AN 8-NATION MEMBERSHIP OF MEXICO, COSTA RICA, PANAMA, NICARAGUA, CANADA, FRANCE, JAPAN, AND THE U.S.

2. U.S. SHARE OF ANNUAL EASTERN PACIFIC TUNA CATCH OF AROUND 350,000 TONS VALUED AT OVER 200 MILLION DOLLARS IS BY FAR THE LARGEST, AVERAGING AROUND 70 PERCENT. IN RECENT YEARS, OTHER NATIONS, PARTICULARLY COASTAL NATIONS OF THE REGION, HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY INTERESTED IN TUNA RESOURCES OF THE AREA AND IN EXPANDING AND DEVELOPING THEIR FISHERIES. THEIR INTEREST HAS BEEN ENHANCED BY JURIDICAL CLAIMS OF 200 MILES AND BY THE FACT THAT A GREAT DEAL OF THE CATCH OF THE HIGHLY MIGRATORY TUNA (OVER 50 PERCENT) TAKES PLACE WITHIN 200 MILES OF THE COAST FROM MEXICO TO CHILE. (THE US 200-MILE FISHERIES LAW

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